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We desire to express our appreciation for the prompt response to our appeal for subscription money last week. We thank the many who have responded to the call, and at the same time urge those who have not done so to let us hear from them at their very earliest convenience. If you received a statement of subscription account, kindly give it your prompt attention, and if you did not get a statement, won't you please look at the date opposite your name on margin of paper. If it does not read April 1-1918 or some later date please attend to renewal. You pay us, then we can pay our obligations. The response has been most liberal, and we sincerely believe that every person indebted to us on subscription will give the matter prompt attention.

Wait for "The Savages."

Father Clarson is in Detroit this week.

John Burns is on the sick list this week.

The Junior play will be a "Hummer."

Did you know that Cinderella was Irish?

G. S. Scovel and family moved this week onto the farm just west of the village belonging to G. W. Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. John Searls are moving into the Jones residence in the eastern part of the village this week.

Harold Salyer formerly of Paw Paw and now of Hillsdale, was calling on friends here the first of the week.

Paul Broughton has returned to his duties in the Secretary of State's office at Lansing after spending a week with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Colburn motored to Decatur Wednesday. Mrs. Colburn remained there to spend the balance of the week with relatives.

The Eastern Star at the last meeting voted to "Adopt" and care for one French orphan baby. Everyone is willing to assist in the care of the innocent little victims of this cruel war.

Fred Mau spent last week in Chicago. It was rumored during Fred's absence that he would bring Mrs. Mau back with him, but Fred says "Nothing doing, No Wedding Bells for me."

Jay Harrington and family are moving into the Barr house east of the school house. This will seem to them just like coming home, as they occupied this house previous to their moving to Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Warner had as guests for dinner on Easter Sunday, Mrs. Jennie Warner and two sons Glenn and Leland Warner, Wilber Warner and family and Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Warner and little son.

Should a lady ask you tomorrow to please buy a Liberty Bond, if you can possibly raise the money, be a man and an American citizen loyal and true and raise your hat and say, "Yes, for the sake of my mother, my wife, my daughter and you. I will."

Two jury cases were tried last week, Jake Weinstein et al. vs. Lester Jennings, et al.—Judgment for \$127.40 was given the plaintiff. Evan H. M. Griffiths vs. Oscar Karmson, in which plaintiff asked damages of \$5,000.00 for alienation of his wife's affections. The Jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$100.00.

A letter from Mrs. Nell Raleigh Moulton of Grand Rapids to Paw Paw friends states that Irwin Hulbert died suddenly in that city last Monday. On Saturday he went down town to see the soldiers off, and suffered a stroke of apoplexy on the way home, passing away at two o'clock in the afternoon. He leaves a wife, two daughters, Mrs. Maude Mulder and Mrs. Edith Waters and one son, Fred Hulbert. The family all live in Grand Rapids except Mrs. Waters whose home is in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert formerly lived in Paw Paw and will be remembered by many friends in

A talking statue will be one of the features in "Savageland".

Charles Bilaborrow has purchased a new Ford car.

John Atkinson of Cassopolis was a business caller here last Friday.

Mrs. Neil Chappell, and Miss Mary were in Kalamazoo last Thursday.

Miss Marie Colburn spent Wednesday and Thursday in Benton Harbor.

G. A. Cross of Lawrence was in Paw Paw on business the first of the week.

A. E. Balcomb of Coldwater was the guest of his sister Mrs. Imogene Hurd here last week.

The Rev. Wilkins of Dowagiac will hold services and communion at St. Marks Episcopal church next Sunday morning, April 7th, at 10:30 o'clock.

Lieutenant Lynn H. Lake of Camp Grant and his wife were guests of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lake last Saturday and until Sunday noon.

Another column of this issue contains the announcement of Charles Mohney of Porter Township who is a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds.

Jim O'Grady spent Monday in Kalamazoo with a salesman from the Hart Schaffner and Marx Co., selecting a fine stock of next Fall and Winter clothing.

Mrs. Belle Filley left on Monday for French, New Mexico to visit her son Charles and wife. Charley has fully recovered his health and is now postmaster of that village.

Roy L. Tuttle has rented the N. E. Dillie farm. Mr. and Mrs. Dillie are not in the best of health, and found it desirable to be relieved of the worry and care of the farm.

The buildings on the Library site will be sold at auction to the highest bidder on Saturday, April 20th. Further announcement of the particulars will be given in a later issue.

Mrs. Bertha Batchelor of Birmingham arrived Thursday for a short visit with her mother and sister. She expects to return home Saturday and her mother Mrs. I. A. Whitman will accompany her.

Dr. F. A. Racette will be absent from his office all of next week, from April 8 to 15 inclusive. He will be in Detroit to attend a Post Graduate course given by the Michigan State Dental society.

Frank Simpson of Lansing spent the week end with his sister, Mrs. Edson Woodman. Mr. Simpson is superintendent of "Farm Production" a recently created department in Michigan under the War Preparedness Board.

The figures are not available yet for the appointment of the Liberty Loan by counties and precincts. The "Drive" starts tomorrow however, and every woman and child in the county must be ready to help put Van Buren county "Over the Top."

A card from Johnnie Longduff to Paw Paw friends states that he arrived at Camp Custer all safe and sound. "We have good victuals here," John says, "Good beds and a good time" and also states that he has already found some boys with whom he was acquainted.

Roy Tuttle has purchased the Dr. Brassert interest in the Brassert-Smith-Feed warehouse, and the business will be continued under the firm name of Tuttle and Smith. This issue contains a quarter page announcement of the business which will be found to be of special interest to every reader of this paper.

Last Friday evening a company of Paw Paw gentlemen were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick O'Dell at their home in Almena township. A fish dinner was served with all the "Fixings" including some of Mrs. O'Dell's famous biscuits and maple syrup. Those who were fortunate enough to be present to enjoy the hospitality of these splendid people on this occasion were Messrs. Harry Showerman, Bert Duncombe, Dr. W. J. Johnson, Charles Hicks, M. H. Young and P. N. Wakeman of Paw Paw and Frank Fuller of Lawrence. It was an event long to be remembered, and there will always be a warm spot in the hearts of every one for Dick and Mrs. O'Dell.

Mrs. L. W. Arnold and daughter Miss Katherine of Kalamazoo were Paw Paw visitors on Monday last.

George Whitehead and family motored to Schoolcraft last Sunday and spent the day with relatives.

Mrs. A. Lynn Free has returned from Ohio where she has been visiting her parents.

Attorney Carl D. Mosier of Dowagiac was in Paw Paw on business a part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warner of Lawrence were guests of Mrs. Drown on Monday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Mosier were in Dowagiac last Sunday the guests of their son Carl and family.

Tom Soule again calls Paw Paw his home. He has entered the employ of Max Benton, and will continue at his trade as plumber.

Mrs. A. A. Pike who has been in Lawton caring for her grand children during the winter has returned home here, and Mr. Pike is happy.

Ray Pugsley has purchased the residence on corner of Gremps and Elm streets owned by Mrs. Jennie Warner. It is occupied now by Wm. Mason and family who will vacate soon for the new owner.

Cyrus Loveland has resigned his position in the waters store and will move to the old home place, the Wm. Loveland farm on the west bank of Four Mile Lake. "Back to the Soil for me" says Cyrus, and he will move the first of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Salsbury started for their western home in Idaho Falls on Tuesday. They planned to stop for short visits in Kalamazoo and Chicago on the way. Harry was getting anxious to get back to his mining interests in the West.

The program for the Coterie for next Wednesday will be in charge of the Daughters of the Coterie. To accommodate many of the girls who are employed the meeting will be held in the evening at 7:30. Let every member of the club make an effort to be present.

Lieutenant Herbert Bassett surprised his parents with a short visit the first of the week. He was enroute to a camp in Virginia where he will serve for the present as instructor in a Radio school about to be opened there. He is looking fine and likes his chosen branch of the service very much.

Andrew Lang has resigned his position as Under Sheriff, the resignation taking effect last Saturday. He will now spend a part of his time about the county looking after his campaign interests for Sheriff in the coming primaries. Deo Thayer of Gobleville succeeds him as Under Sheriff.

T. Z. Cowles and family of New York city are now residents of Paw Paw arriving here last week. Mrs. Cowles is a daughter of the late Mrs. A. W. Cummings, and has purchased the home on Gremps street. For twenty-one years Mr. Cowles has been the editor of the American Economist, which is recognized as the standard tariff authority of the world. He thinks he has earned a rest and will spend at least three months here in recreation, although he will still retain the position he has held for so many years. The people of Paw Paw will welcome this estimable family to this community.

The ladies of the Coterie entertained the caste of Grandma Gibbs, Orchestra, Girls chorus, ushers and all who so kindly donated their services in helping to make the play a success at a six o'clock dinner served at the club house at 6:30 o'clock last Friday evening. The tables white and yellow tulips and small yellow chickens were found at each plate as favors. Nearly sixty were present who sat down to enjoy the fine three course dinner served by the ladies of ways and means committee. A toast to Grandma Gibbs and the ladies of the Coterie was given to which all responded. The affair was a very pleasant one and will linger long in the memory of those present. As one small boy put it "Gee I am glad that I belong to Grandma Gibbs of the Red Cross. Hurrah for Grandma and all her big family."

Advertised Letters—Mrs. Helen Bluet.

LaRue Mosier went to Detroit on business the first of the week.

Don't forget the "Win the War" meeting on the streets of Paw Paw next Monday evening. See the Home Guards of Decatur drill, hear the band and speakers and help boost for the Liberty Loan.

Longwell and Warner sold last week, the house occupied by Wm. H. Mason to Ray Pugsley; The home farm belonging to the DuBois Estate located just north of Mattawan and the Salsbury farm in Almena to Norman Langley of Kalamazoo.

Mrs. George Longwell Jr. chairman of the Woman's Liberty Loan committee for Paw Paw township was in Hartford on Wednesday to attend a county Liberty Loan meeting. The women of the county are thoroughly organized for the work, and will serve in conjunction with the various men's committees during the drive.

Van Buren's quota of fifty-three boys left last Friday morning on schedule time and arrived at Camp Custer all safe and sound in charge of R. W. Broughton, secretary of the local draft board. Richard Roach accompanied his grandfather on the trip in the capacity of "Bugler" and the diminutive musician made a big hit enroute and at the camp on their arrival.

A special meeting of the Wolverine Fruit association is called in the Council rooms on Saturday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock. The sales manager, G. E. Prater Jr. is home for a few days, and desires to see all the growers in the association before leaving for his southern work which will keep him engaged until well into the fruit season. Many items of interest will be discussed at this meeting.

The dance at the Rink last Thursday night for the benefit of the Red Cross was largely attended and netted the sum of approximately \$125.00. The Van Buren county boys who were here preparatory to leaving for camp the next morning were guests for the party, and prior to the dancing, Attorney Glenn E. Warner, introduced Judge Des Voignes and J. E. Chandler, both of whom made a short patriotic address to the boys.

The township of Keeler voted on the Township Unit school system last Monday and this will now be the only township in Van Buren county to operate its schools under the Unit plan. One central school board will have complete charge of all the schools in the township, and one uniform tax assessment will cover the expense of the township schools. The question was bitterly fought in the election, but those who favored the plan are confident of the success of the system and know the advantages to be derived from it.

Some especially fine features are now being shown at the Idle Hour theatre and the crowded houses would indicate that people of this community were beginning to appreciate Mr. Reeves efforts to give the best that can be obtained in the Movie business. Tonight and Saturday night "House of Shadows" featuring Vaughan Glazer will be shown, and Sunday and Monday nights, the celebrated film "Persuasive Peggy" featuring Peggy Hyland, will be the attraction. Good comedies in connection with the main feature every night.

The first "Win the War" meeting for Paw Paw will be a street meeting next Monday evening. The Home Guard company of Decatur will be present and give an exhibition drill on the pavement, the high school band will participate, and there will be speaking and other patriotic features. The Decatur Home Guard Company are planning a tour of Van Buren county in the interest of the Liberty Loan. It is a mighty patriotic thing for the boys to do, and Paw Paw should give them a rousing cordial reception. They gave a drill on the streets of Paw Paw last Friday morning when they were here to see their companions off to Camp Custer. It was early morning, and few were out to see them, but the drill was precise and snappy, and a credit to the organization. Let every one turn out next Monday night and give the boys a real live reception.

Bert Jacobs of Lawrence called on Paw Paw friends last Tuesday.

John Mutchler and Fred Ocobock went to Lansing last week to look into the coal situation for next winter.

A. H. Abrams and wife and Mrs. Abbie Stickney of Lawrence were guests of Paw Paw relatives last Sunday.

Lynn Reynolds came from Camp Custer last Saturday to spend the week end with his father, C. W. Reynolds.

Mrs. Jay Harrington and Miss Ruth spent last week in Kalamazoo with Kirk who has a fine position in that city.

Hon. James H. Lee and family of Detroit were guests for the week end at the home of Mrs. Lee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McCabe. Mrs. Lee's sister, Mrs. Vivian Wheaton returned to Detroit with them the first of the week.

Decker and Decker announce the sale of the John Ryden farm to Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle of Chicago. The Ryden family will move to town, and the new owners will take possession of the place at once.

Charles Cole of Allegan was a Paw Paw visitor Wednesday and Thursday. Charley will leave for New Jersey today to enter the employ of the United States Government in the ship building yards there.

Shelby Mason, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Mason of this place has been promoted to the position of body guard to General Pershing at the front. This young man is a son of the late Charles Mason of Chicago. The family for many years has spent the summer at Three Mile Lake and is well known in this community.

The proceeds of the Liberty Loan, including the greater part of that loaned to our Allies, are being spent for American products--the products of our factories, our farms, our mines and other industries. In lending to the United States, the people of the United States are lending to their best and largest customer and obtaining the safest investment in the world. Saturday of this week is the day.

The Bangor Advance has been sold to H. A. Wood of Gobleville. M. F. Russell who has been at the helm for a quarter century will be missed from the ranks of Van Buren county newspaper boys. The True Northerner joins in best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Russell wherever they may go or in whatever line of endeavor their efforts may be directed, and also extends a cordial welcome to Mr. Wood on his entry into the county newspaper field.

Charles Mitchell and Erny Knowles were arrested for reckless automobile driving in Keeler on Wednesday and pleaded guilty before Justice Rowland. The urban Judge in passing sentence, stated that inasmuch as it was their first offense, he would be lenient in passing sentence, and hoped that he never would have cause to regret his leniency. "Fifty dollars fine and costs to be paid within one hour, or ninety days in the county jail" said the veteran Judge. It is said that the machine contained a quantity of liquor, which fact undoubtedly had something to do with the leniency of the court.

There will be several new faces on the new Board of Supervisors, although the "Old Guard" will predominate. The probable political complexion of the board will be eleven republicans, eight democrats and two doubtful. Following is the list with the letters after the names to indicate the political affiliations:—Almena—L. H. Bolinger, R; Antwerp Oscar Wheeler, D; Arlington—Chas. J. Palmer, D; Bangor—Frank Burger, D; Bloomingdale—Adelbert Lober, D; Columbia—Andrew Gayner, D; Covert—E. J. Kirby, R; Decatur—Emory Squier, D; Geneva Frank Galbreath, R; Hamilton—W. O. Bowers, R; Hartford—E. J. Doyle, D; Keeler—George Heagy, R; Lawrence—Owen Long, R; Paw Paw—Roy L. Tuttle, R; Pine Grove—Harvey Slonaker, R; Porter—Homer Turner, R; South Haven Twp.—Frank Poorman, R; Waverly—E. A. Chase, D; South Haven City 1st Ward—Lewis Hoag, Ind; South Haven City 2nd Ward—Chan Elkenburg, Ind; South Haven City 3rd Ward—James Martin, R.

W. R. Sellick went to Detroit on Wednesday to attend a state insurance meeting in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith left for their new home in Big Rapids last Monday morning.

Dr. Verne Van Fossen will be in Detroit next week to attend the State Dental meeting.

The Daughters of the Coterie will meet at the Coterie Club rooms next week Wednesday evening.

O'Grady Bros. announce that their store will be open every evening during the week except Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Weatherwax and Bailey desire to state in connection with their "ad" in this issue that all feed and seed on and after April 1st, is cash on delivery.

Phillip Lang, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lang on Route 3, Paw Paw has enlisted in a "Tank Unit" of the U. S. Army, and is now in camp in the state of Pennsylvania.

Rev. Percy H. Nickless pastor of the Presbyterian church and his family have arrived and are nearly settled in the Manse on North Kalamazoo street. Mr. Nickless will not be here all the time until the close of his college year some weeks later.

The sooner the irresistible might of this great Republic is organized and put into full action, the sooner the war will end. Every dollar invested in Government securities works to shorten the war, to save the lives of American soldiers and sailors. The Drive starts Saturday, April 6th.

County Drain Commissioner Chas. Ashley of Bangor, was in Paw Paw the first of this week. Mr. Ashley announces his candidacy for another term as drain commissioner. He has made a splendid official, and the experience he has gained in this important office is valuable to the taxpayers of the county. He states that he will make no campaign, but if the people of Van Buren county want him to serve another term, he will give them his best efforts.

Several from Paw Paw were in Hartford on Tuesday to attend the county Y. M. C. A. meeting. This meeting was called to consider the advisability of organizing a County Y. M. C. A. It was decided to go ahead with the organization, and W. H. Blashfield, Postmaster at Hartford was made temporary president.

An effort is being made all over the country to accumulate good books for the army cantonment libraries. It is requested that those who have books that they can spare for this purpose, kindly leave them at the Paw Paw Drug company's store. They will be sent to headquarters at Washington and distributed among the various cantonments.

The election last Monday passed off quietly with a small vote, only a few more than five hundred votes being cast. The entire republican ticket was elected by majorities ranging from 24 to 213. The fight was centered on the office of treasurer, and the small majority given the successful candidate is some indication of the strenuous campaign waged on this office. Following are the candidates elected and the majorities received:—Supervisor, Roy Tuttle, 136; Clerk, Frank V. Hodges, 206; Treasurer, Jay Hinckley, 24; Highway Commissioner, Lewis Salsbury, 80; Overseer of Highways, John Minnich, 213; Board Review, Jay Lyle, 198; Justice of the Peace, J. E. Packard, 147; Constables, Philo Simmons, 148; Perry Yeider, 147; C. W. Reynolds, 179; A. F. Hurlbut, 163. At the annual business meeting in the afternoon, it was voted to assess twenty cents on the hundred for Road Repair work, and fifteen cents on the hundred for the Highway Improvement fund. It was also voted to build a sixteen foot cement road, commencing at the west corporation line of the village, thence east to connect with the main street paving at Gremps street. This work will be done this year. A committee was appointed, consisting of M. H. Young, M. D. Buskirk and H. L. McNeil to investigate the advisability of procuring a chemical engine for the local fire department equipment. This committee will make an investigation and report at the annual meeting next year.

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